MQM motion on ECL to be taken up today

Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: The speaker of the National Assembly, Illahi Bakhsh Soomro, assured the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) parliamentary group on Wednesday that their privilege motion regarding ban on them from proceeding abroad would be taken up on Friday.

An MQM delegation met the speaker in his chamber and requested him to take up their motion on inclusion of their names in the exit control list.

"The speaker has given us an assurance that it would be taken up of Friday," MNA Kunwar Khalid Younus told Dawn.

The point had also been raised by Mr Younus in the house on Wednesday but no reply had been given to him. Mr Younus had pointed out that neither the interior minister nor the governor was owning the orders issued to the FIA to put the names of MQM members on the ECL.

Mr Younus asked the interior minister whether he had issued these orders but he did not reply.

When the Sindh governor was contacted in this behalf, he denied having issued such orders, Mr Younus said.